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University feels the heat from rising energy costs

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The University of Nebraska is estimating a \$6.45 million energy budget deficit due to record-high energy prices this winter.

"What we've done is filed for a utility deficit with the Nebraska Legislature," said David Lechner, University of Nebraska vice president for business and finance.

While the budget is set for the NU system, this budget deficit directly impacts the UNO campus, potentially affecting university spending and future tuition rates.

"Our estimates—based upon an average winter—indicate that we would need a 25 percent increase in our utilities budget. If you apply that same percentage to UNO, a 25 percent increase equates to \$830,000," said Julie Totten, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance at UNO.

For an impression of how serious this deficit is, consider a couple of estimates from the NU 2005-2006 general operating budget. The university estimated a \$7.6 million increase in funding from the 5 percent tuition rate approved last June; similarly, the total budget for all student wages at UNO is \$737,893.

"The primary basis for the request is the increases in gas rates and also fuel oil rates," Totten said.

"It has impacted us. We're trying to do what we can to conserve," Lechner said.

Energy conservation is a priority for UNO. The campus uses a combination of simple practices, efficiency and technology to reduce our energy demands, according to Larry Morgan, assistant director of facility maintenance and utility services.

"UNO has always conserved energy to the best of our ability," Morgan said.

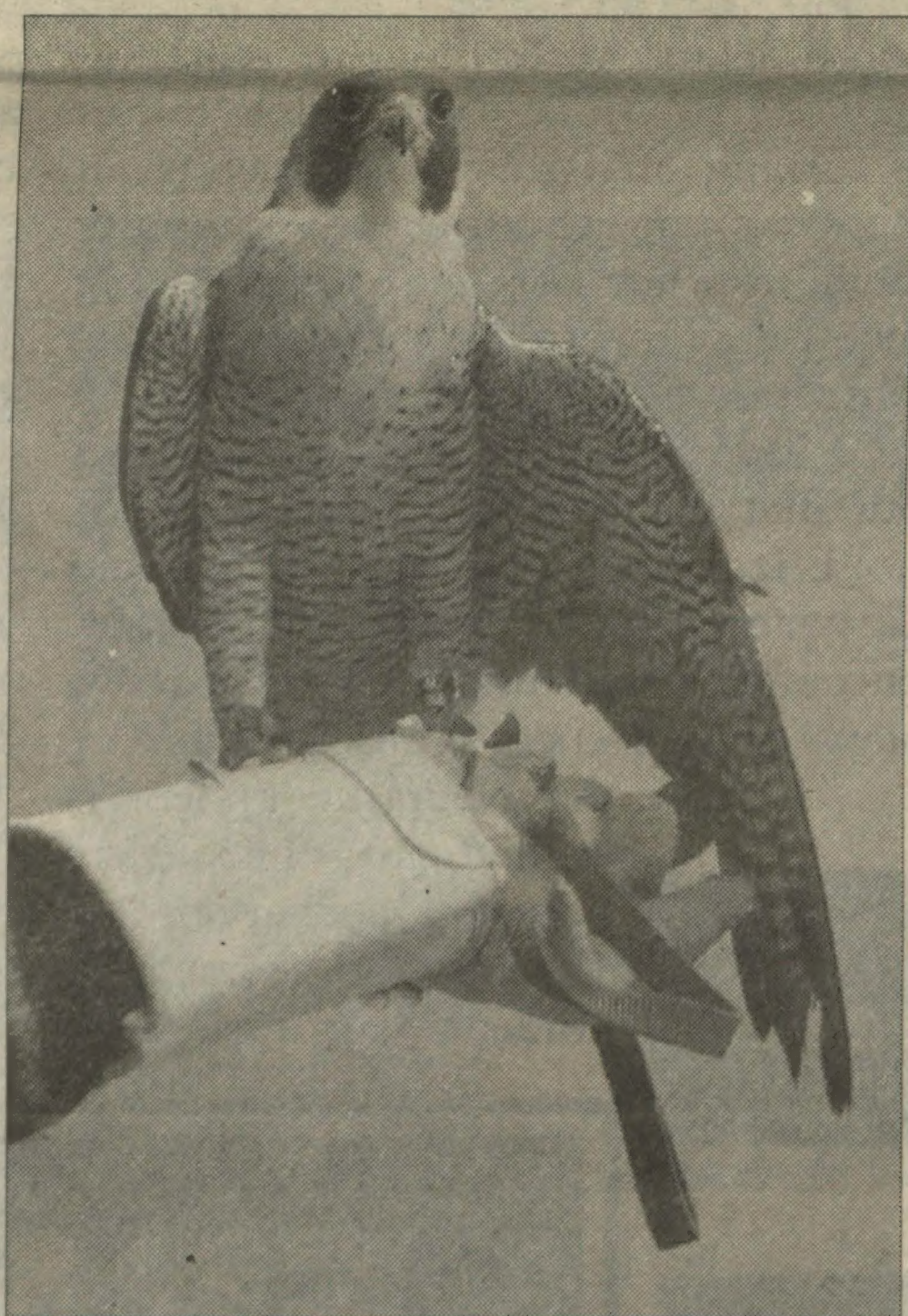
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Raptor Recovery



photos by Michelle Bishop

Raptor Recovery Volunteer Denise Lewis talks about Flash, a 2003 Woodman Tower Peregrine Falcon, on Wednesday at the Milo Bail Student Center. Flash was injured in an accident at Eppley Airfield and is non-releasable. Peregrine Falcons are the fastest animals on the planet; able to fly up to 200 mph. Raptor Recovery is a non-profit organization that takes in sick and injured raptors and rehabilitates them so they can be released back into the wild. Denise and Flash will be at the Green Show for "Antony and Cleopatra" this summer during Shakespeare on the Green's 20th season. Every summer the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival puts on two Shakespearean plays in Elmwood Park behind University Village.



Grant to fund open dialogue on campus

CHRIS LARSON

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UNO recently received a \$100,000 grant to help change the way students discuss sensitive subjects, like abortion, stem cell research or religious beliefs.

UNO was one of 27 higher education institutions to receive the grant from the Ford Foundation in a national competition called the 'Difficult Dialogues Initiative.'

Hollis Glaser, Shereen Bingham and Nora Bacon wrote the grant proposal and will head the two-year project at UNO, titled "Breaking Silence: Difficult Dialogues."

"[The program] was designed to promote open constructive dialogue about sensitive issues; specifically race, religion and sexuality," said Shereen Bingham, a professor in the school of communication.

With the new program, Glaser, Bingham and Bacon hope to change the way students view dialogue.

"The goal of dialogue is to understand each other, not to persuade the other person that you are right and they are wrong," Bingham said. "I am very pro-dialogue."

Initially Glaser and Bacon wrote a three-page proposal that was sent with 675 proposals from other institutions to the Ford Foundation. From the 675 proposals, 130 schools were chosen to write a 20-page proposal, which all three professors worked on.

"It was very helpful to have an English professor on our team," Bingham said. "Dr. Bacon is a very good writer."

The program will begin in May 2006. Stephen Littlejohn, a published dialogue theorist, and his associate, Leslie Fagre, will come to UNO to lead an "intensive week-long dialogue workshop," Bingham said. Thirty faculty and staff members,

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Installation of president/regent, vice president to take place open to students

KRISTINA ALAS

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

UNO's newest student body president/regent and vice president will be sworn in on Jan. 19.

President/Regent Steve Massara and Vice President VaShawn Smith

will be sworn in at the Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room after an invitation-only luncheon in the Chancellor's Room.

The ceremony starts at 12:30 p.m. and will be followed by a reception. The ceremony and reception are expected to last until 1:30 p.m. Both

the ceremony and reception are open to all students, faculty and staff members. Free cake and punch will be provided.

Massara is excited about the new position and expects a good turnout at the

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Steve Massara will be formally installed as student body president on Jan. 19.

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STAFF WRITER

Aim for the stars expands to after-school pilot program

The university's popular Aim for the Stars program, which offers summer science and math camps on the UNO campus for students entering grades four through nine, is expanding to offer similar sessions in an after-school setting.

The pilot after-school program will be held at Western Hills, an Omaha Public Schools elementary school. Session I begins Wednesday, Jan. 18 and continues on Wednesdays and Fridays through Feb. 10. Interested students in grades three through six will meet from 3:50 to 6 p.m. on these dates. The cost is \$35 per student.

For more information about the Aim for the Stars pilot program at Western Hills, call 554-4999.

UNO launches web resource for parents and families

If you're a prospective college student, selecting a university and succeeding once you get there can seem a little daunting. To help alleviate the stress often associated with these processes, UNO has launched a new Web page for the parents and families of prospective and current students.

This centralized source of information is designed to answer the questions parents frequently ask about their child's university experience - from academics to economics. For example, visitors to the site can quickly access information about the cost of attending UNO, financial aid, the application process, housing availability, health requirements, student rights to privacy, security procedures on campus, student employment options and more.

For more information, call 554-2918.

2005 W-2 forms to be distributed week of Jan. 16

The 2005 W-2 forms are scheduled for distribution the week of Jan. 16. As in the past, active employees will have their W-2 form delivered through campus mail to their primary home department. Separated employees will have their W-2 form delivered through the U.S. mail to their permanent home address.

Any correspondence regarding the W-2 form should be directed to the Payroll Office at 554-2739.

"Saving Faces" exhibition to open at UNO Art Gallery

Omaha will be the third stop for a North American tour of a unique art exhibition that provides an in-depth look

at the physical and emotional aspects of patients who underwent head and neck surgery subsequent to trauma, disfiguring forms of cancer or other problems.

The exhibit will run from Jan. 13 to Feb. 24 at the UNO Art Gallery. A five-part speaker series will take place during the exhibition to highlight issues related to healing that are raised by the paintings.

For more information about the exhibition and speaker series, call 559-5157 or 554-2796.

Nominations sought for UNO Excellence in Teaching Award

The UNO Excellence in Teaching Committee is seeking the nomination of qualified faculty for the 2006 UNO Excellence in Teaching Award.

The faculty member must have taught at UNO for at least three years. The faculty member should be an outstanding teacher, and have completed teaching-related research and focused service in teaching-related activities. Students, faculty and administrators nominated teachers. No self-nominations will be allowed.

The nominators may send the information to Leah R. Pietron at the Peter Kiewit Institute, Room 284D

The deadline for nominations is Jan. 13.

Deadline approaching for Gerbracht Memorial Scholarship

The application deadline for the William Gerbracht Memorial Scholarship is Sunday, Jan. 15.

The scholarship is for dependents of UNO faculty and staff who are graduating high school seniors and will be incoming freshmen at UNO for the 2006-07 academic year. It covers full tuition and may be renewed for up to three years.

For more information, contact Jean Phillips at 554-2487.

Maverick watch

Faculty and staff are admitted free to all home athletic games with a valid UNO ID and game-day ticket, excluding hockey. The spouses, significant others and children of faculty and staff also are admitted free. At the game, faculty and staff must present a valid UNO ID to receive a ticket. Tickets are available on the day of the game at each home event. For more information, call 554-MAVS (6287).

At home this week...

Sunday, Jan. 15 - Swimming and diving vs. University of Nebraska at Kearney at Health, Physical Education and Recreation Pool, 1 p.m.

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"We have always operated our heating and cooling systems at optimum conditions. We keep equipment in top operating condition. We have a lot of monitoring equipment that helps optimize usage."

Totten said the university has invested in technology over the last few years that will help minimize energy consumption.

"We also adhere to energy conservation measures, such as encouraging people to turn off lights to conserve," Totten said.

Students and faculty can assist the university by doing such simple things as turning off lights when leaving an empty room, shutting off computer monitors when not in use and avoiding the use of space heaters to regulate temperature in offices and classrooms.

"If we can get students to help us out, that would be great," Morgan said.

Elizabeth Kraemer, Student Government president/regent, encourages students to take "proactive steps" toward energy conservation.

"I think the Nebraska system is trying to encourage energy conservation," Kraemersaid. "Something students can do is raise

concerns about it. A lot of times, the administration doesn't know it's a concern."

Kraemer also praised the use of technology, such as the motion sensors used in the Engineering building to control lighting systems.

"I think it is really beneficial," Kraemer said.

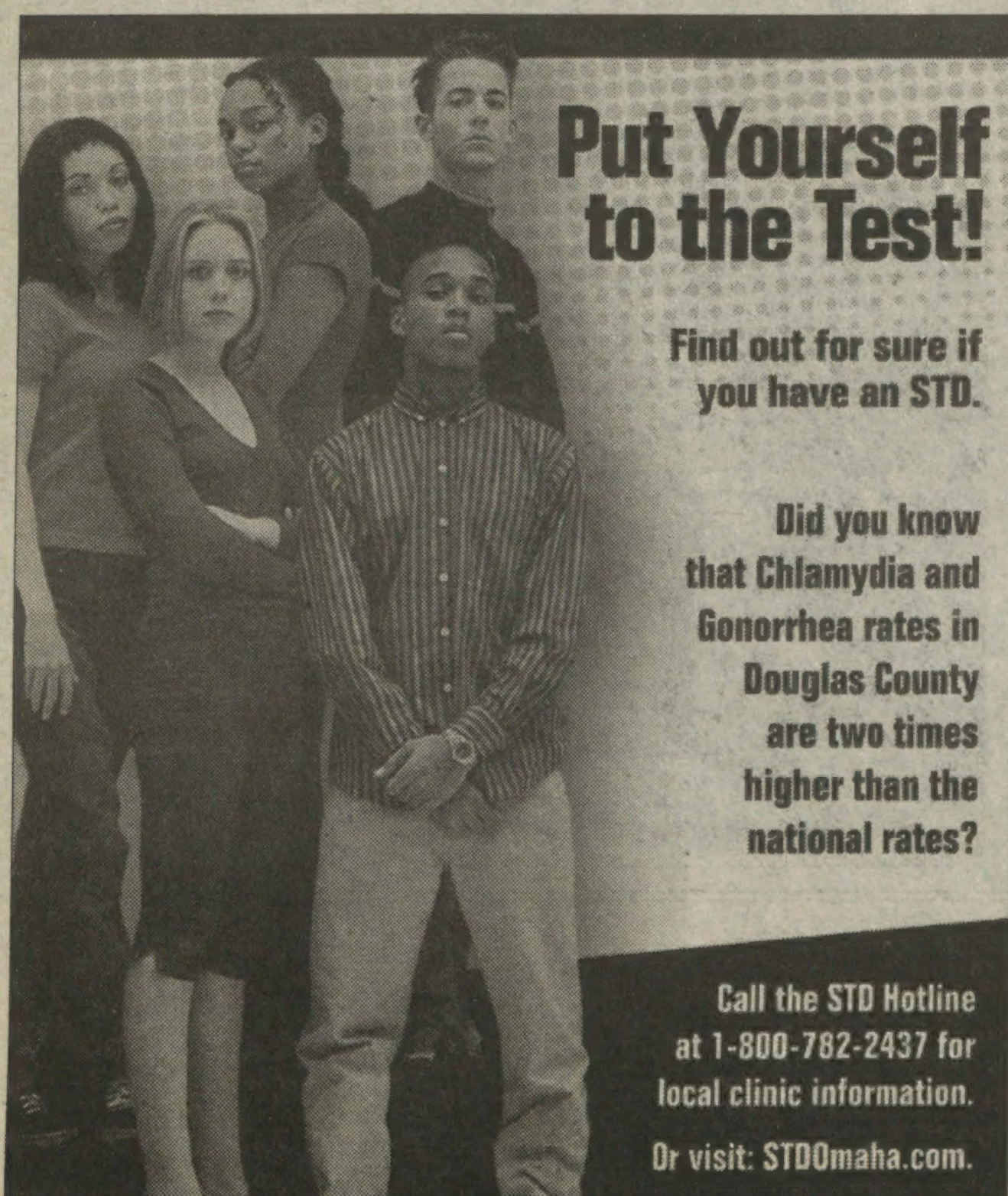
The budget deficit request filed by the university will still have to be approved by the state legislature.

"We are submitting to central administration later this month an update of our actual costs through

December," Totten said. "We will be providing that information to the legislative fiscal office and the governor's budget staff, so if there are some updates to our earlier request, those can be reflected in their deliberations during the appropriations process."

"There're all kinds of factors that come into it," Kraemer said.

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Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is known for being one of the greatest Americans of the 20th century. When viewed from a social-reform perspective, many consider him the greatest individual in American history.

The Martin Luther King holiday honors a man of the people. A man who taught people a different way to think, not through violence, but through love, reason and kind thought. He taught compassion, respect and care for fellow human beings.

UNO will be celebrating the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at noon in the Milo Ball Student Center Ballroom. This year's celebration will include a keynote address by Joao Brito, a UNO graduate student from Brazil.

In celebrating Dr. King, we remember his day of birth. Not the anniversary of his slaying. Americans recognize the beginning of the life of a man who was a civil rights

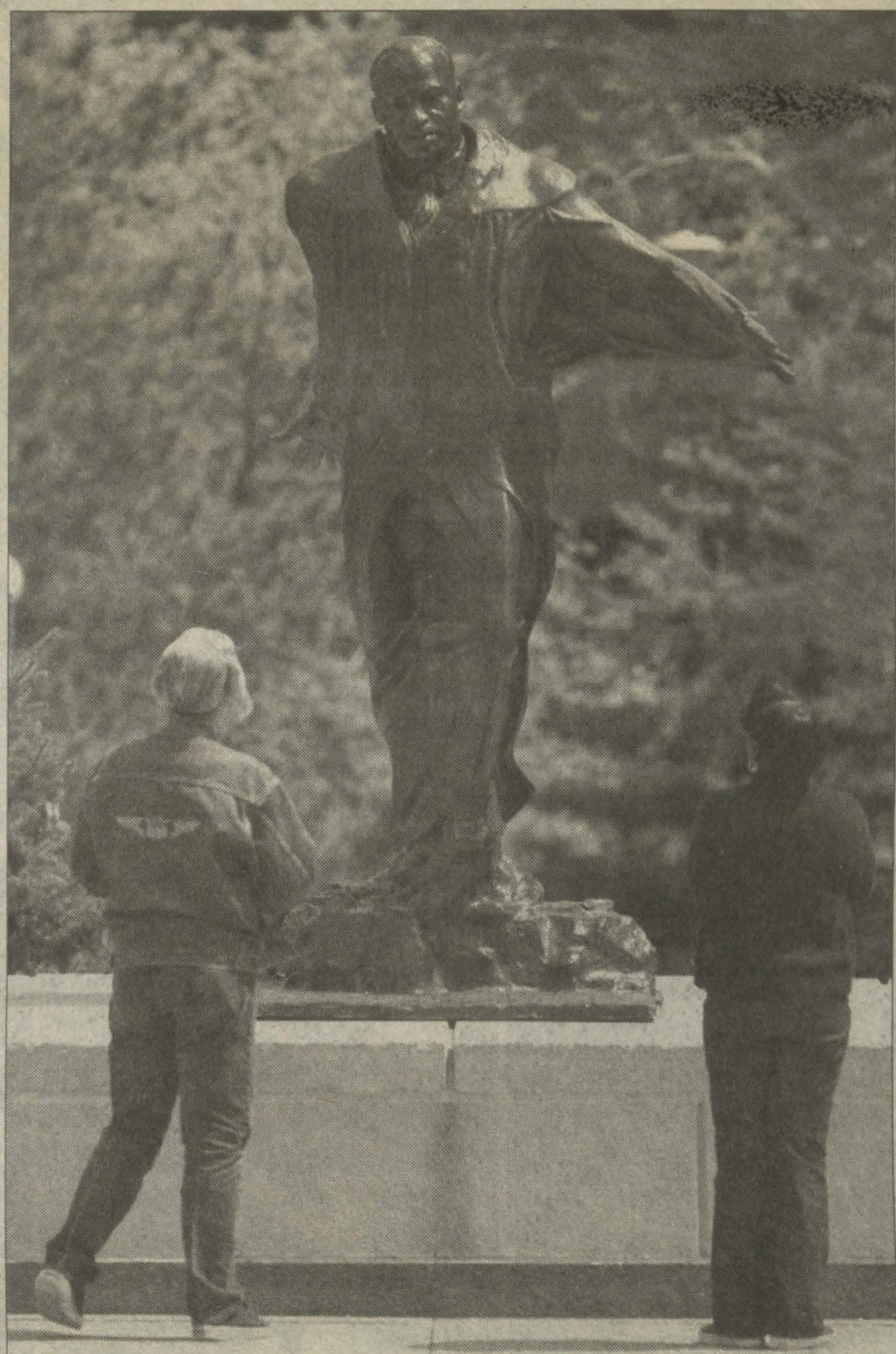


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A Martin Luther King, Jr. statue in downtown Omaha attracts visitors.

activist, a Baptist preacher, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient, a man who had a dream which caught the imagination of people and changed America for good.

King was a visionary who changed the nation and the world. He did not believe in "It's always been that way." He knew for changes to take place, people had to stand together. In an address, he once said, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."

Taking time out to observe the holiday is relevant and important because it is one of two holidays that actually causes us to examine ourselves. The holiday exposes just how inhumane humans can be to each other when motivated by fear and ignorance.

"During his lifetime, Dr. King sought to forge the common ground on which people from all walks of life could join together to address important community issues," said Sharif Liwaru, cultural

awareness programs adviser at UNO. "Working alongside individuals of all ages, races and backgrounds, Dr. King encouraged Americans to come together to strengthen communities, alleviate poverty, and acknowledge dignity and respect for all human beings."

By observing the life and legacy of King, Americans stress the importance of keeping alive the memory of one of the greatest champions of racial justice and equality that this great world has ever known. King is known for his character, his justice, his courage, his love and his passionate belief in non-violence.

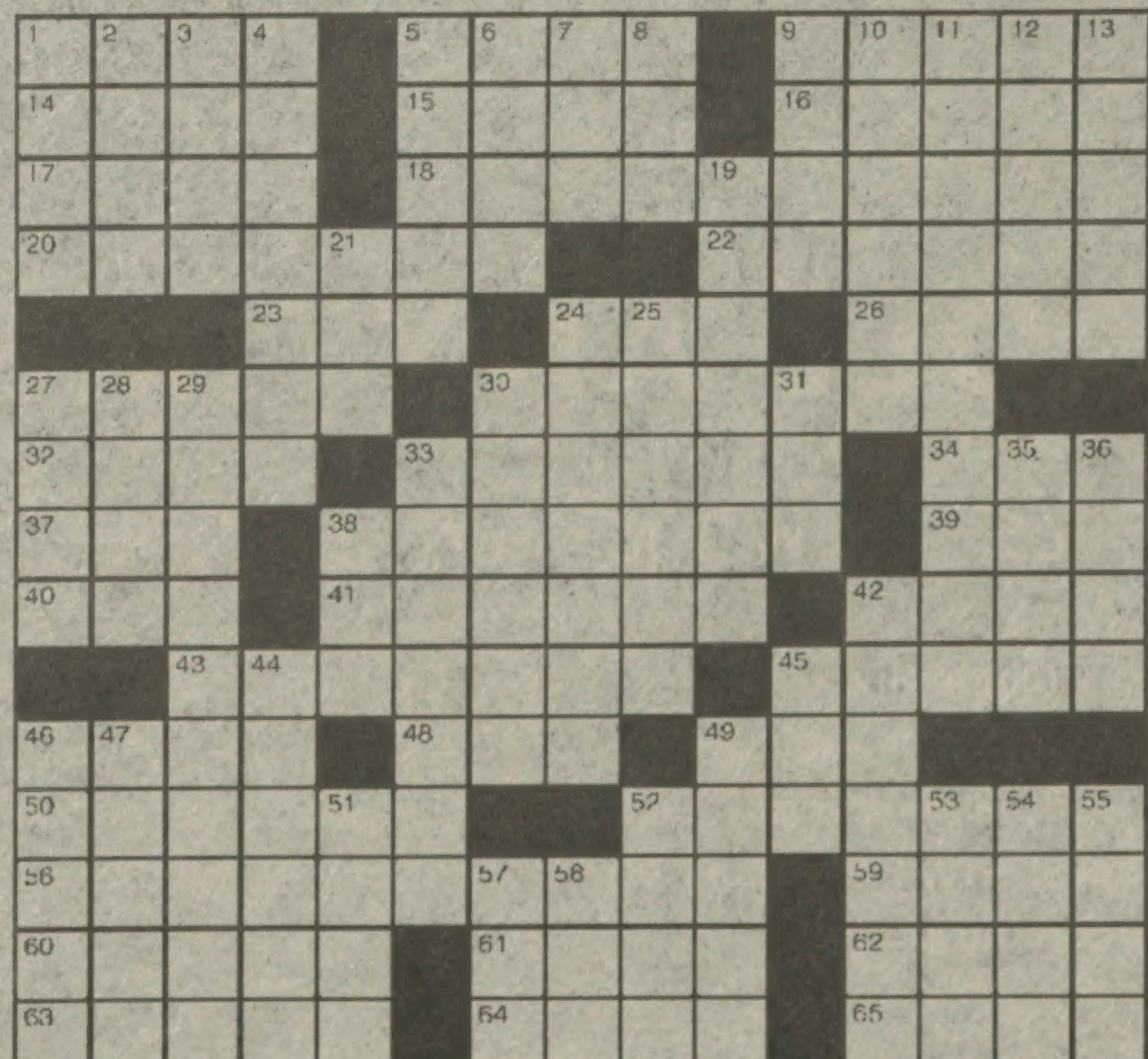
Tickets for UNO's event are on sale now through Friday, Jan. 13. They are \$3 for students, \$5 for faculty and staff, and \$7 for the general public. No tickets will be available at the door. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the MBSC Business Office, located on the second floor of the MBSC, or by calling 554-2979.

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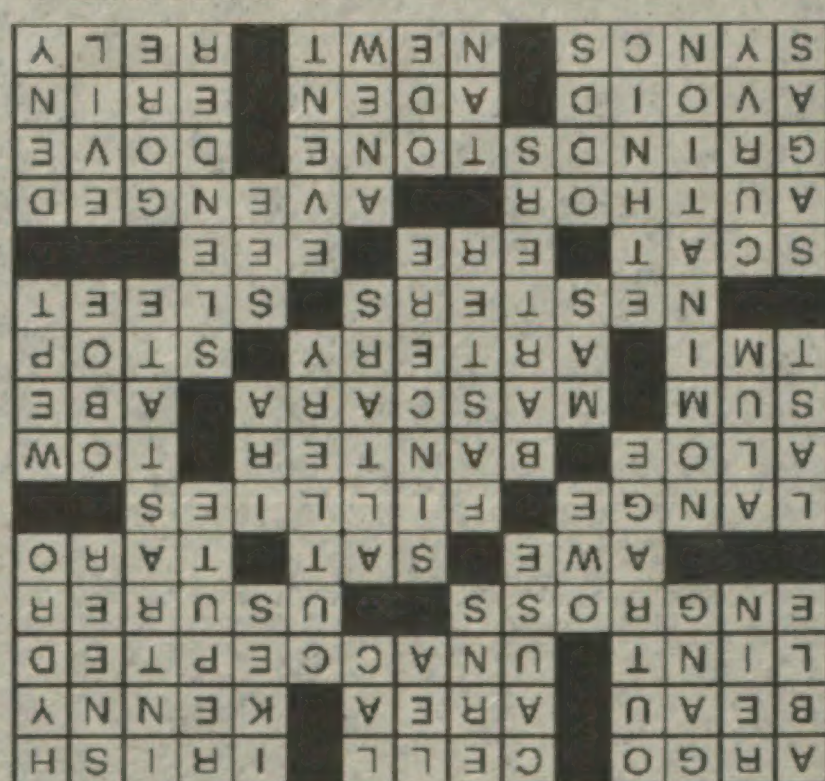
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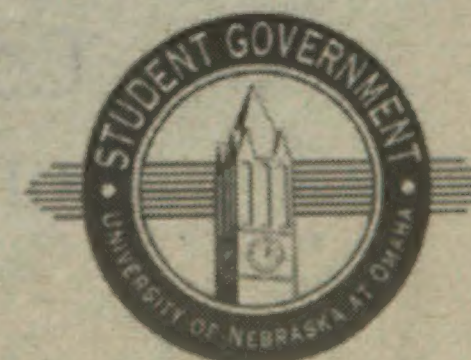
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The deadline for applications is January 13, 2005 at 4:30 p.m.

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Hangover makeover: Is it possible to avoid the inevitable?

MICHAEL McMANUS

ASSISTANT FEATURES/ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

If you've ever celebrated New Years Eve in good old Nebraska fashion, chances are you know what a hangover is.

A head pounding, vomit-inducing, light-sensitive, fatigue-feeling illness. However with thirsty Thursdays, saturating Saturdays, and wild Wednesdays, this self-inflicted ailment is often hard to escape.

Scientists guarantee there is still no real cure for a hangover. Researchers from Peninsula Medical School at the Universities of Exeter and Plymouth in the United

consume in excessive amounts.

When an individual drinks alcohol it enters the bloodstream and ultimately prevents water from reabsorbing itself into the body. Instead, the kidneys will send that alcohol to the bladder, causing the body to expel it through urination. In a way this makes alcohol a diuretic which gives you that dehydrated, but slimming feeling in the morning.

However, the morning-after sickness is obviously nothing new to the average college student, and can be treated and nursed by following some simple guidelines.

The obvious way to avoid a hangover is to not drink at all...(crickets chirping)...with that said, here are some helpful hints:

- First, don't mix drinks. We've heard it a million times, but in all actuality it still holds truth. Nobody drinks a glass of orange juice, a little chocolate milk, grape soda, and then a strawberry shake without getting sick.

The ill feeling you can imagine getting from mixing those drinks is the same feeling you will get in the morning from mixing beer, wine, tequila and vodka.

- Before you leave to go out on the town, make sure you have had a full

meal. Drinking on an empty stomach is a guaranteed hangover.

- Don't take Tylenol before you call it a night. Tylenol (acetaminophen) has been shown to wreak havoc on the liver, especially when mixed with alcohol.

- Try and avoid drinks high in sugar. However, in the morning it is sometimes helpful to consume sugary foods since alcohol ultimately lowers your blood sugar level.

In all actuality, every person's body reacts differently to alcohol, so it's hard to pinpoint one procedure that will work for

everyone. This creates a need for people to find a cure of their own.

Leanne Mormon, a senior broadcasting major, claims to have found her cure.

"Take two Midol when you get home, it always works for me," she says. "I've also heard that drinking a Bloody Mary helps—gives your immune system a little kick."

Megen Heckenlivly, a sophomore education major, found a different solution. "I drink as much water as I can the day before I go out," she says. "I've heard the water you drink today is the water you use tomorrow, so this helps with dehydration."

Whatever your own cure may be, it's important to remember consuming alcohol in moderation is your best bet.

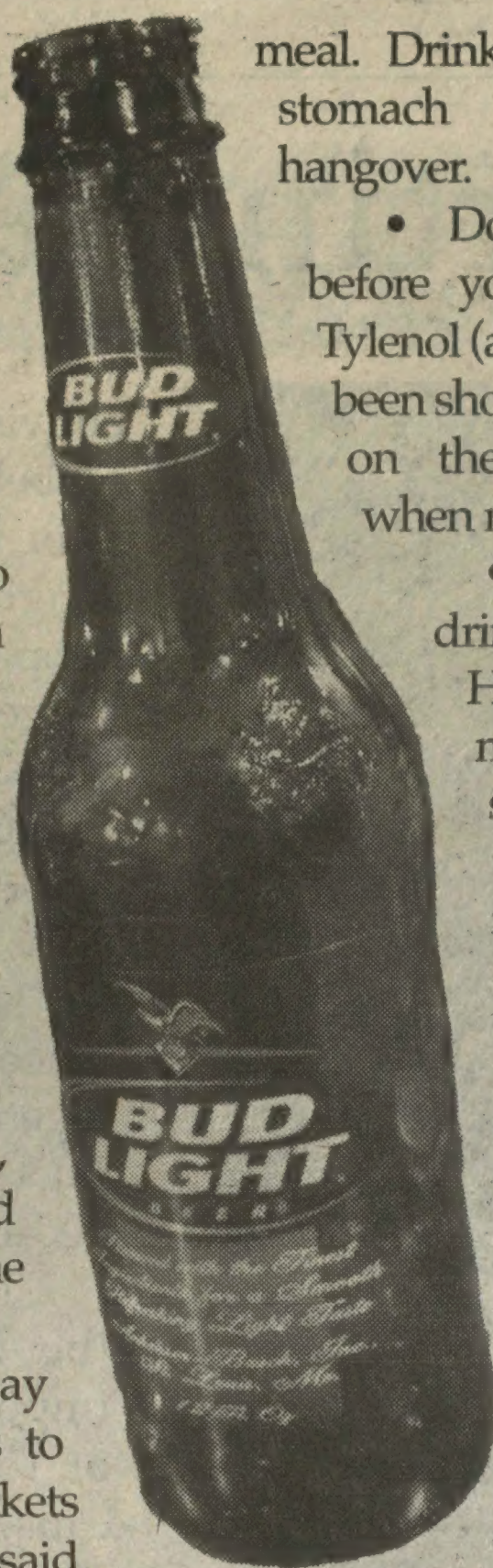
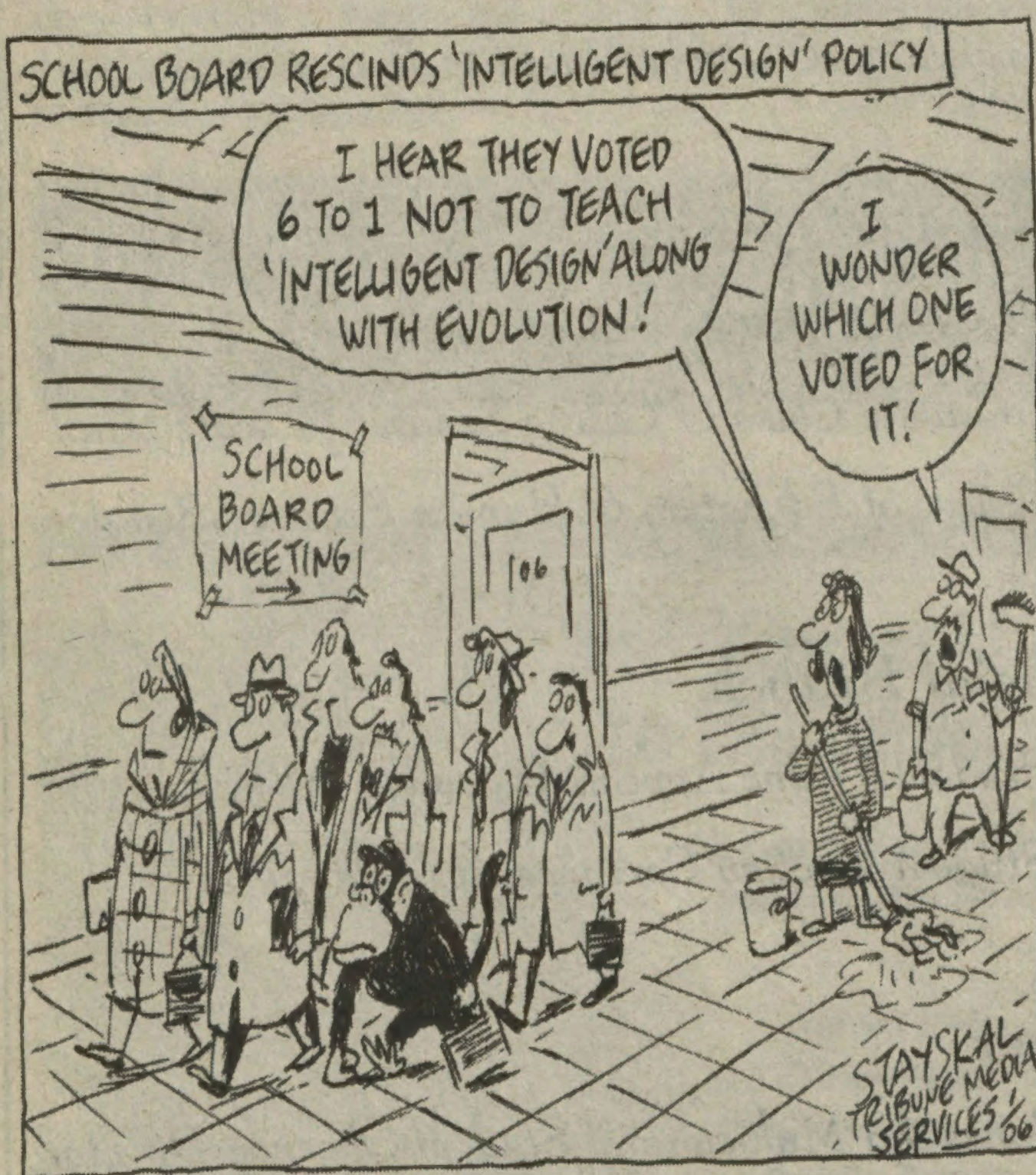


photo by Michelle Bishop

Before you raise your next glass, remember these few tips that might just save you from a hangover.

Kingdom did numerous tests with no success. "We just don't understand what is mechanistically behind a hangover," they concluded. In their studies. Their advice is to drink in moderation and to practice abstinence. Hangovers are, after all, our body's way of telling us that alcohol isn't something we should

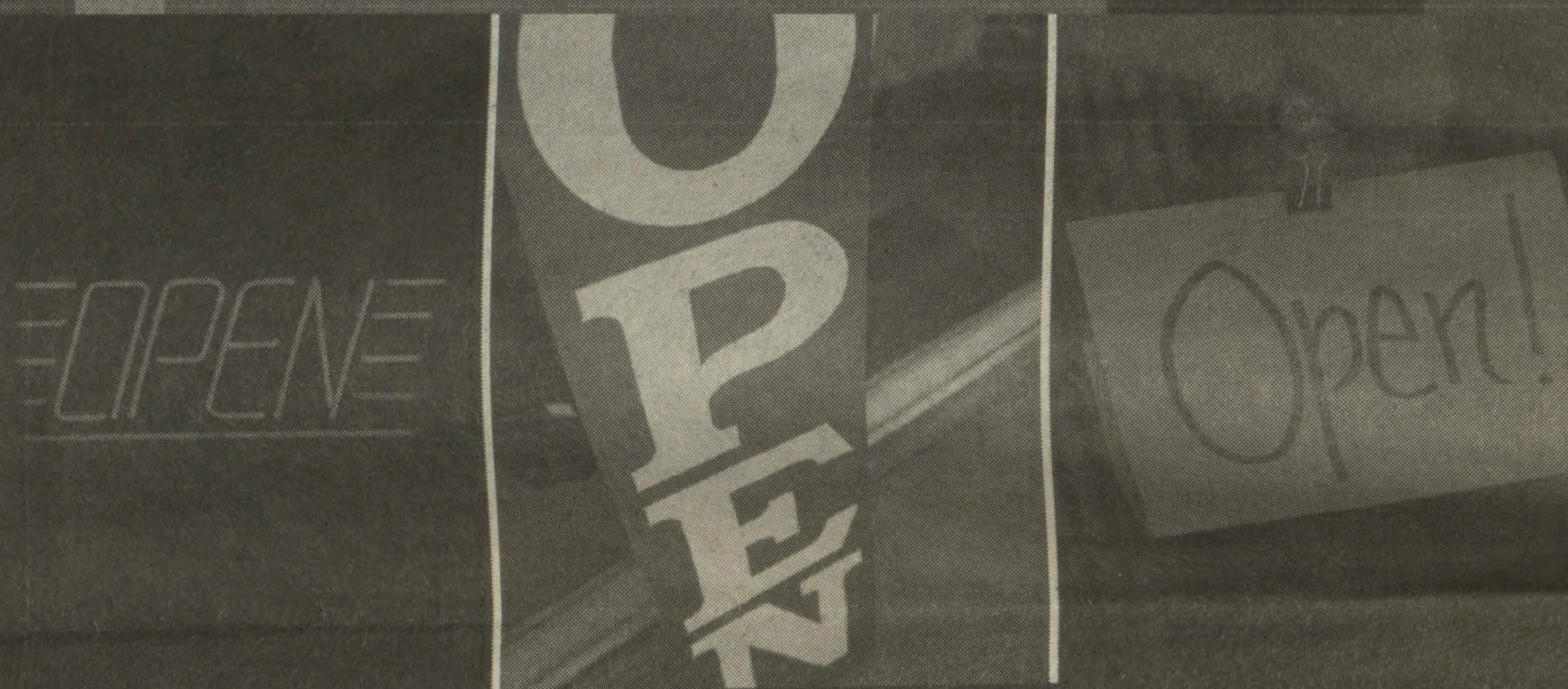


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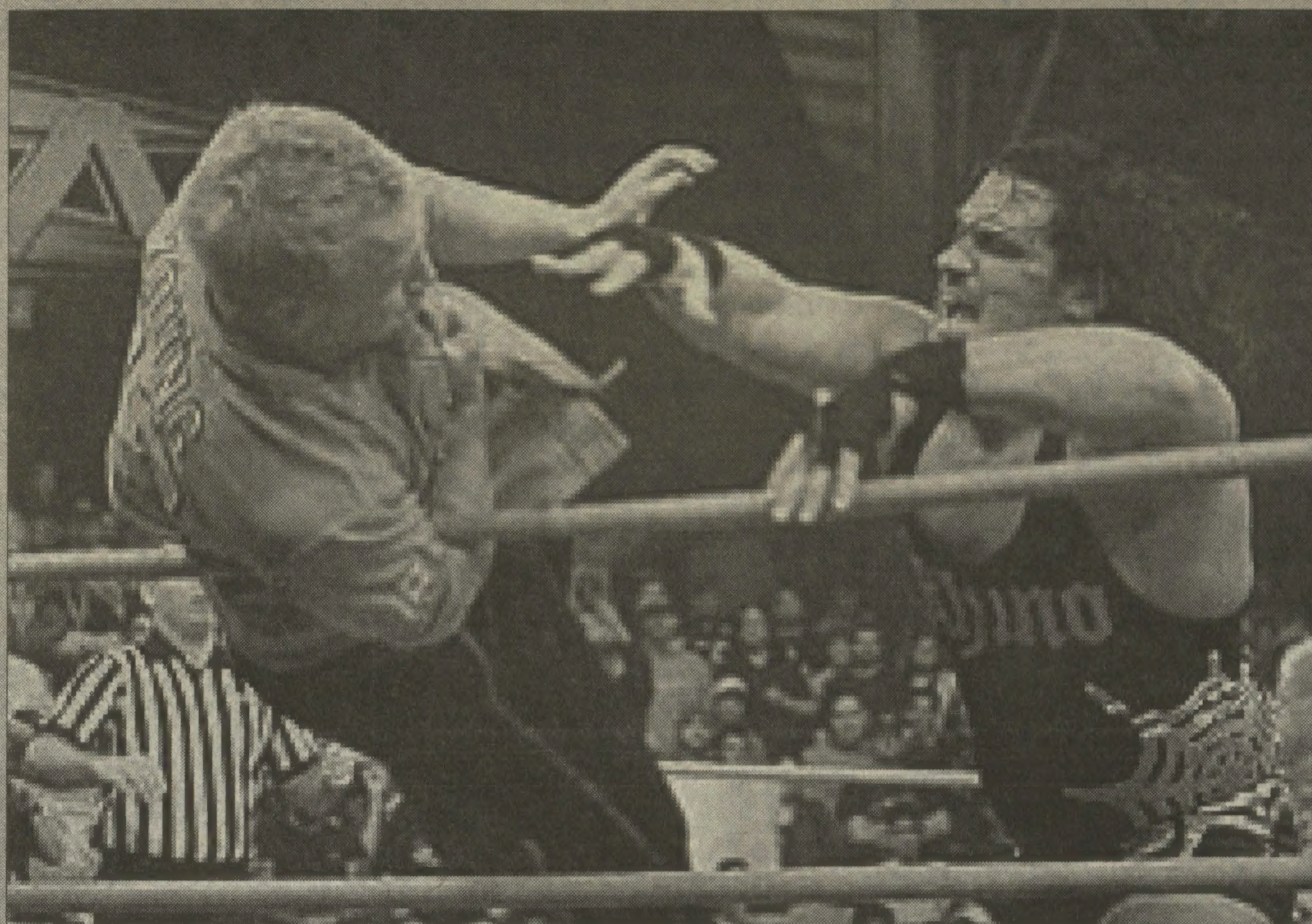
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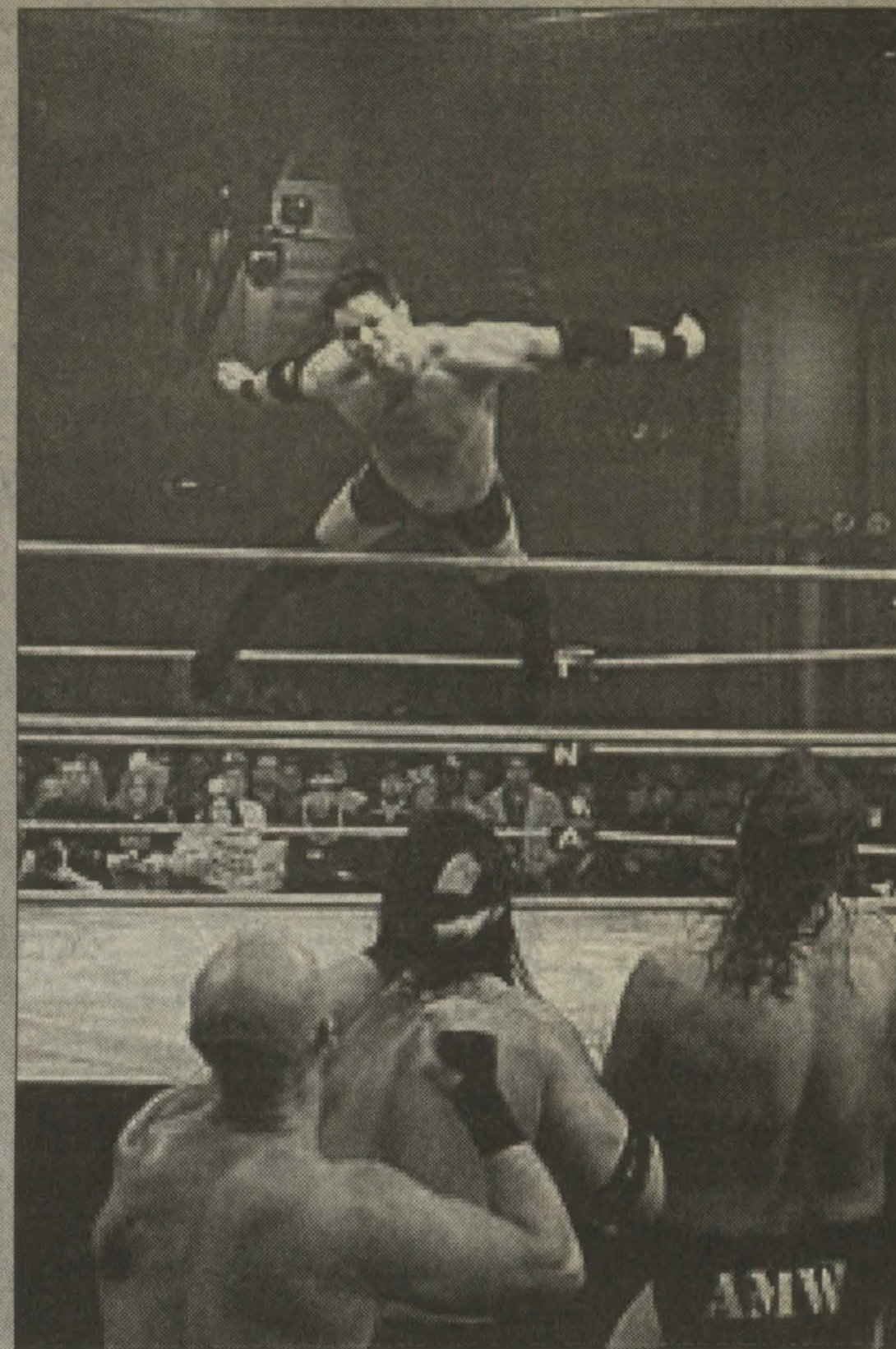


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TNA: the new face of professional wrestling

REVIEW BY CHARLEY REED
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Just eight years ago, it was hard for anyone to go a week without hearing about the World Wrestling Federation (WWF), World Championship Wrestling (WCW), or Extreme

Championship Wrestling (ECW).

During the last several years of the 1990s, all three companies were at the height of their popularity, with the flagship programs of the different companies pulling in some of the highest weekly cable ratings.

The peak of wrestling's popularity

came to a halt in early 2001 when the WWF (renamed "WWE" by this point) had consolidated its biggest competitors by buying WCW and ECW, creating a virtual monopoly on the professional wrestling market.

Many fans of wrestling turned away from wrestling, complaining

that their favorite stars from the two absorbed federations were being misused and forced to lose to WWE's big-name stars that may or may not have been as talented.

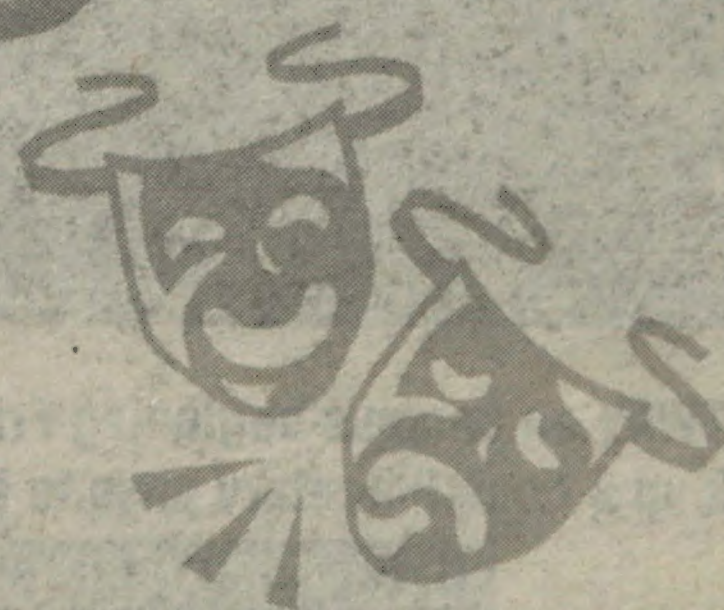
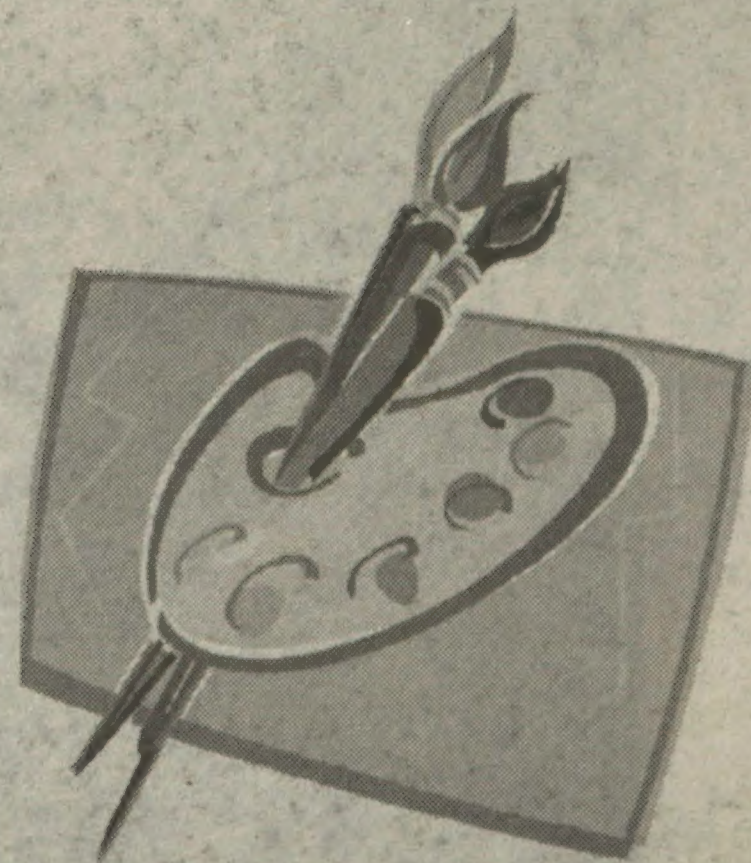
Universally, people admitted the creative forces that made the "Attitude" era of Vince McMahon's powerhouse

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Second half of "Battlestar Galactica" kicks off

REVIEW BY SANEL SELIMOVIC
STAFF WRITER

"Battlestar Galactica" is one of the most groundbreaking shows in recent television history.

While the word "groundbreaking" is an overused cliché in television, "Battlestar Galactica" truly delivers. Time magazine recently listed it as the best show of the year.

Breaking from the traditional rules of television, the show airs year-round with an intermittent break in the middle of the season (or every 10 episodes). Season 2.5 premiered last Friday and includes the remaining 10 episodes of the second season.

Sci-fi shows are often typecast; plots are predictable at best, and gut-wrenching at worst. It would be hard to classify this show as a purely science-fiction program. While the setting does take place aboard a spaceship named Galactica, it barely scratches the surface of what this show entails.

The main premise of the show, based on the original series popular in the 70s, is based on human-created machines called Cylons who rebelled against the humans and destroyed the 12 planetary colonies they lived on.

A small number of humans managed to escape, and to avoid certain death they are trying to outrun Cylons by seeking a mythical planet Earth that is referred to in their sacred texts as a promised land.

To make matters more complex, humans are polytheistic and Cylons are



The cast of "Battlestar Galactica" bring their world to life every week on the Sci-Fi channel.

monotheistic. Cylons believe that humans must pay for their sins to the one and only God, so the show's underlying theme is of religion and God. In addition, the show asks viewers what it means to be human and it explores the limits of human cruelty and injustice upon others.

Each episode is filled with love, sex, jealousy, action and drama. It is simply one rollercoaster of a ride. While it may sound complicated, the show is actually accessible

to all audiences. Women may find it interesting that many episodes deal with women's issues and try to address many different topics, such as abortion and rape.

Another aspect of the show that is genuinely refreshing and sometimes disturbing is major characters are killed or easily hurt. These characters are not given the omnipotent powers entitled to so many other TV characters. In the very first episode, we find that the president has terminal breast cancer and as the series progresses we see her health deteriorate to an inevitable conclusion. This and many other similar events give this show a sense of genuine humanity lacking even in some of The Lifetime Network's programming.

Odds are that you may find yourself lost jumping onto the "Battlestar Galactica" bandwagon mid-season, but luckily all episodes

leading up to season 2.5 are available for purchase or rental on DVD. If you have been missing this show, I suggest you give it a shot by renting a few disks of Season 1, or just tuning in to the Sci-Fi Channel on Fridays at 9 p.m., to find out why this show is on many critics' top 10 lists.

Grade: A

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ANDREW CUMBEE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

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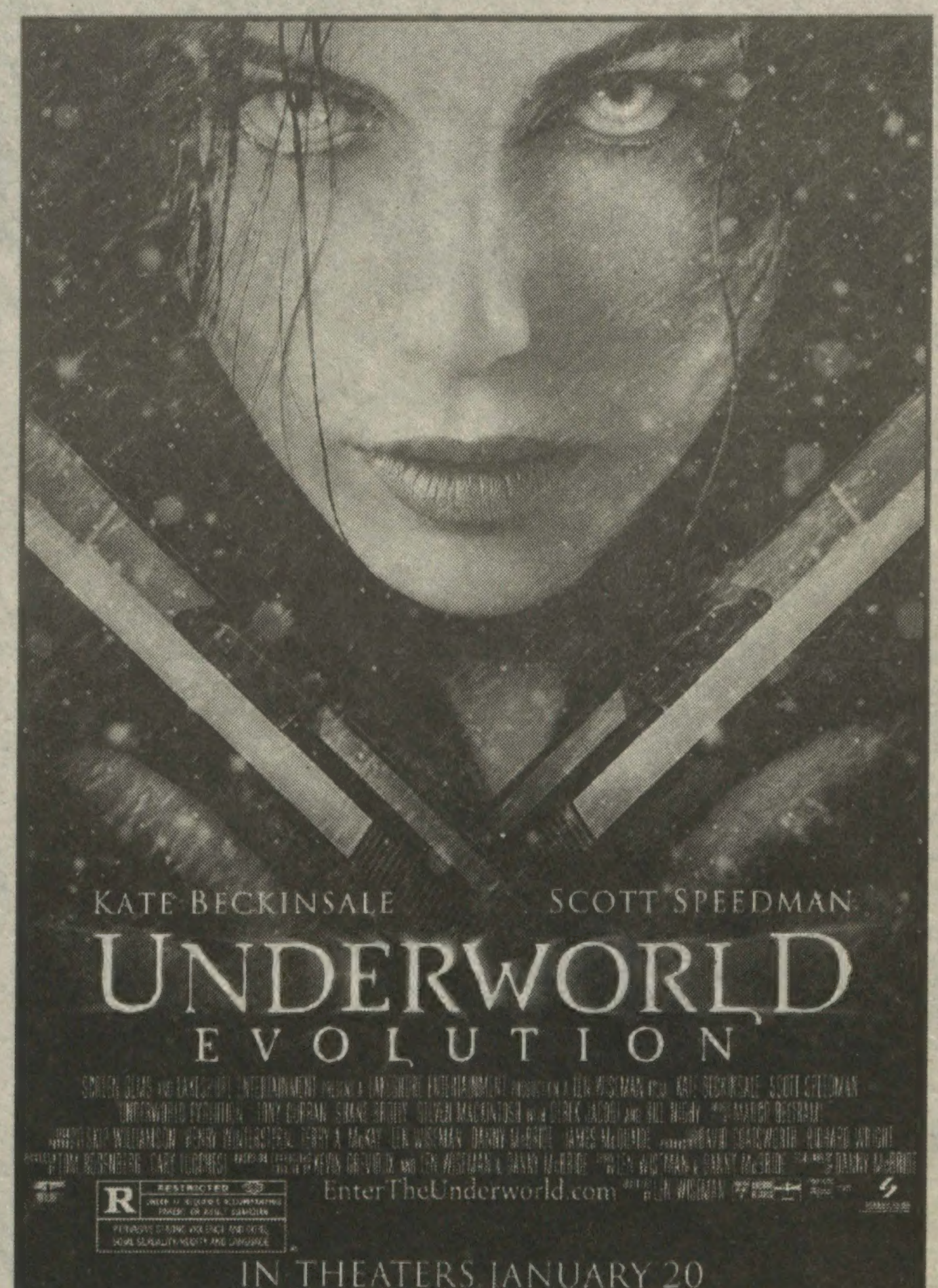
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IN THEATRES JANUARY 20TH!

Third time is charm for Kinsey

LIZ SELZER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Junior Toni Kinsey, a 5-foot 5-inch red-shirt point guard, has played at three schools in her collegiate basketball career, but has finally settled at UNO.

After the Florence, Colo. native graduated high school she went to the University of Idaho to become a Vandal.

"I wanted to try and play at the highest level," Kinsey said.

She started 15 games, averaged 5.2 points per game and 2.1 assists per game. Her game highs at Idaho include three 12-point showings, a six-assist game and two four-takeaway games.

After one season at Idaho, things weren't working out.

"I couldn't see myself playing all four years there," Kinsey said.

She decided to transfer to Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., which is near her hometown. Fort Lewis is also where Coach Patricia Patton-Shearer was.

"We originally recruited her out of high school and that's how she knew us. Her high school coach stayed in touch with us," Patton-Shearer said.

When she arrived at Fort Lewis, she met teammate Karen Thies. In what would be her first and last season at Fort Lewis, Kinsey led the team in assists. She drilled 40.6 percent of her three point attempts and averaged 8.9 points per game. At the end of the season, Kinsey suffered a knee injury, but was determined to be



photo by Michelle Bishop

Toni Kinsey's 68 assists this year has her ranked eighth in the NCC for assists.

ready for the next season.

Kinsey once again saw herself getting ready for yet another move. Patton-Shearer decided to move to Omaha and become head coach for the women's basketball team, bringing Thies and Kinsey along with her.

"I love her coaching style so I had to go with," Kinsey said.

Patton-Shearer, Thies and Kinsey all moved to Omaha to try and turn around the Mavericks' program. When they arrived in Omaha, Patton-Shearer had to sit down and talk to Kinsey about the upcoming season. There were two reasons that Kinsey would red shirt her first year as a Maverick.

"One, she had to sit out because of the NCAA two-time transfer rule. Two, she had complete reconstructive knee surgery and needed to rehabilitate appropriately," Patton-Shearer said.

Two school transfers and one red-shirt season later, Kinsey is on the court for UNO and has played in all 17 games this season. She has dished out 68 assists this year, which places her eighth in the North Central Conference for assists. She averages 7.1 points per game, has pulled down 46 rebounds and has 16 steals. She is ranked 13th in the NCC with a 1.15 percent assist/turnover ratio.

Mav Notes

COMPILED BY NATHAN LEETE
SPORTS EDITOR

Sigman earns North Central Conference honors

UNO heavyweight wrestler Les Sigman earned this week's North Central Conference wrestler of the week honor. Sigman went 4-0 at last weekend's Dana Open in Blair, Neb. The Sturgis, S.D.-native didn't allow a single offensive point to be scored against him in the tournament. Sigman is a three-time national champion and shares the award with Augustana's 197-pounder, Tim Boldt.

Mavericks on the road over weekend

The UNO swimming and diving team will be the only sports team with a home event this weekend as it hosts Nebraska-Kearney Sunday at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation pool. The track team will travel to Lincoln, Neb., this Friday and Saturday for the Nebraska-Lincoln Holiday Inn Classic. The hockey team will travel to Columbus, Ohio to take on the Buckeyes in a two-game series. The wrestling team will travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa to participate in the National Wrestling Coaches Association National Dual Meet Tournament, and the men's basketball team will travel to Fayette, Iowa Saturday to take on Upper Iowa University.

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The Record Book

All records reported as of 1/11/06

Sport	Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Streak
Hockey	11-10-1	5-8-1	7-5-1	4-5	Tie
Swimming	6-3	1-1	2-1	4-2	W-1
Basketball (W)	12-5	0-2	7-1	3-2	L-3
Basketball (M)	10-8	1-1	7-0	3-7	L-1

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by application and acceptance, will participate in the workshop.

"Over the next two years the participants will work to integrate opportunities for difficult dialogues into the curriculum and co-curricular activities of the university," Bingham said.

Another goal of the project is to strengthen the culture on campus so it supports open and constructive dialogue on sensitive issues, Bingham said.

The participants will lead their students in dialogues hoping they will learn how to actively participate in constructive dialogues in their everyday lives, Bingham said.

"Dialogue is empowering because it helps participants gain clarity about what they believe and why," Bingham said.

At the end of the first year the project

is going to hold a campus-wide dialogue. The campus-related topic will be chosen closer to the event.

Throughout the second year, student organizations and trained faculty will hold dialogue circles on many different topics. The student organizations that choose to participate will receive help from a trained faculty member, and will receive refreshments for their dialogue circle.

Toward the end of the second year, the project is going to collaborate with community leaders to hold community wide dialogues on topics that are important to Omaha.

"We feel very fortunate to have received the grant from the Ford Foundation, it was a competitive process and we are excited to begin," Bingham said.

From **STUDENT PRESIDENT**: Page 1

ceremony

"I wanted to become president because I love UNO," Massara said.

The reason he loves UNO so much, he said, is because his parents attended the university and he is a third-generation student.

Visibility and service to the students are only a couple of his main objectives. He said he loves to help with services for the university and is ecstatic to serve the school. He is also very excited about some of his ideas.

Both Massara and Smith will

present a short speech at the ceremony. Massara says he will discuss some of his goals and objectives and would also like to bring up the topic of smoking on campus.

The president-to-be says it has been hard for him to get used to filling the shoes of past presidents.

"Right now I'm in an awkward transition phase," he says.

The ceremony will also include several presentations by the Alumni Association, the Staff Advisory Council and others.

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From **WRESTLING:** Page 5

program "Raw is War" were resting on their laurels and turning out a mediocre product because there was no real competition. The result of the lack of competition has since resulted in a nearly 50 percent decline in viewers since the company's peak in 1999. Now there is a new company looking to shake things up a bit called Total Nonstop Action Wrestling (TNA), a company started by the father-son team of Jerry Jarrett and former WWE star Jeff Jarrett. The organization took many ideas from WCW and ECW by housing its operations and performing its shows

all in the same city. It also broke new ground by being the first Americanized wrestling show to use a six-sided ring.

Since 2004, TNA has become increasingly popular and jumped from being a rarely watched show on Fox Sports to becoming a staple of the Spike TV weekend lineup since joining the station in mid-2005. Much like ECW or WCW in their prime, TNA has become a home for jaded professional wrestlers, recently signing industry icons including The Dudley Boys, Rhino, Raven, and most impressively, Christian

Cage, a popular name from WWE. Since moving to Spike TV, TNA has begun competing one-on-one with WWE. Now the company has a weekly show with replays during prime time, thousands of fan Web sites, VHS tapes and DVDs, a video game in 2007 and monthly Pay-Per-View programs are most impressive in the company's evolution.

The WWE executives may find it hard not to be nervous as TNA puts on its first Pay-Per-View of 2006: "Final Resolution." The program, which airs on Sunday, will showcase the more

than 40 wrestlers, including AJ Styles, Samoa Joe, Christopher Daniels and WCW mainstay Sting.

While it is impossible to predict how the next 12 months will go, the upcoming year looks to be the best for TNA, especially since WWE recently pulled their lowest ratings since moving back to the USA Network. TNA recently recorded their highest ratings ever.

It may be too soon to say, but for fans of wrestling, the rise of TNA may have done the impossible: They've made professional wrestling fun again.

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